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SUBJECT: CRITIQUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REF: DESANTILLANA/KING LETTER OF 4/13/78

1. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH ARA/CAR COMMENT ON COALITION FOR
A NEW FOREIGN AND MILITARY POLICY CRITIQUE ON DR HUMAN
RIGHTS REPORT SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS.

2. RE "HUMAN RIGHTS CHART" ON DR, EMBASSY SUGGESTS
FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS::

NO. 2 ELECTIONS: EVERY FOUR YEARS. FULL RANGE OF
OPPOSITION PARTIES ALLOWED TO CONTEST, INCLUDING
COMMUNIST GROUPS, BUT THE MILITARY HAS PRESSURED
IN PAST ELECTIONS ON BEHALF OF BALAGUER AND THE
OPPOSITION CHARGED IT DID NOT HAVE A FAIR CHANCE.
IN ELECTORAL PERIOD PRIOR TO MAY 1978 ELECTIONS,
MILITARY HAS DECLARED POLICY OF NON-INTERFERENCE,
WHICH BY AND LARGE HAS BEEN RESPECTED.

NO. 8 FAIR TRIAL: USUALLY AVAILABLE. IN THE CASE OF
SUSPECTED POLITICAL SUBVERSIVES, TRIALS ARE
OFTEN DELAYED FOR MONTHS OR EVEN YEARS.

NO. 16 AMERICAN CONVENTION: INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION
DEPOSITED 4/19/78.

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